

**TREE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
CITY OF PIQUA, OHIO  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015 – 3:00 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Favorite, Judy Terry, Brenda Vetter, and Diane Hart

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Graeser

**MEETING MINUTES**

Judy Terry moved to approve the November 20, 2014 meeting minutes and Regina Favorite seconded the motion.

**2015 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Bob started the speaking about the need to try and keep a somewhat early meeting schedule and meeting attendance for the beginning of the year. Bob stated that if we maintain our schedule early in the year we won't have to be so concerned with attending in the summer months when scheduling becomes more difficult. According to Tree City requirements to maintain good standing and remain a participating community, we must maintain six meetings a year. Bob asked that we try and keep this in mind so it doesn't become an issue later in the year.

**LEGACY TREES**

Bob mentioned perhaps we could start a legacy tree program within the City. This would be particular trees within our community that are perhaps protected, unique in size or particularly rare to the region. These trees would be recognized and would have a memorial plaque near their base to signify their particular species and protection status. The City has some very unique trees that would fit into this category; this is something that will be revisited at a later date.

**THE MILLENNIUM OAK**

In the interest to renew the committee's education the committee watched a video, The Millennium Oak. This video was a time lapsed depiction of the life of a thousand year old Oak tree in the Saxony Woods in England. This was a fascinating educational film that helped the committee members understand how a life cycle of the thousand year old tree may occur. From its infancy, to its stately massive maturity, as well as all the struggles it must endure to remain alive over a thousand years.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by, Judy Terry and seconded by Regina Favorite.

Minutes prepared by Bob Graeser, Staff Secretary.